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Applicant : Morris et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Office Action Dated August 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time along with the fee, thereby extending the date for response to February 13, 2006 (wherein February 12, 2006 falls on a Sunday) and respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper and are preceded by related comments of the Examiner, presented in small bold-faced type.